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SUBJECT: SIGNING OF 1977 TURKEY/UNFDAC AGREEMENT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UNFDAC PRESS RELEASE DATED DECEMBER 14
ENTITLED: "UNFDAC SIGNS HALF-MILLION DOLLAR AGREEMENT
WITH GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY":
BEGIN TEXT - "THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY AND THE UNITED
NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC) TODAY SIGNED
AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL \$450,000 FOR CONTINU-
ED UNITED NATIONS SUPPORT OF TURKEY'S SUCCESSFUL NARCOTICS
CONTROL PROGRAM.

"NO TURKISH-GROWN OPIUM FROM CURRENT POPPY PRODUCTION HAS
BEEN DETCED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD FOR THE PAST THREE
GROWING SEASONS, SINCE THE LAUNCHING IN 1974 OF THE NEW
SYSTEM OF CONTROLLED CULTIVATION.

"THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE FOR AN EXPANSION OF THE
TURKISH GROUND CONTROL SYSTEM BY EXTENDING THE POPPY CON-
TROL TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INTO THREE ADDITIONAL
PROVINCES. INSTANTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WILL
THUS BE ASSURED TO MEET THE GROWING LEGAL WORLD DEMAND FOR
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CODEINE. THE AGREEMENT ALSO MARKS THE FIRST UN ASSISTANCE
TO TURKISH CUSTOMS EFFORTS TO FIGHT THE ILLEGAL TRANSIT
DRUG TRAFFIC THROUGH TURKEY TO EUROPE.

"FUND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO TURKEY HAS BEEN AIMED AT PRE-
VENTING THE ILLICIT PRODUCTION OF OPIUM FOR CONVERSION
INTO HEROIN. THE "POPPY STRAW PROCESS", INTRODUCED BY

TURKEY WITH THE AID OF THE UNITED NATIONS, USES UNLANCED,
DRIED POPPY CAPSULES FOR CODEINE PRODUCTION, THEREBY
AVOIDING THE EXTRACTION OF THE OPIUM GUM FROM WHICH HEROIN
IS PRODUCED. THE "POPPY STRAW PROCESS" IS ALLOWING FARMERS
DEPENDENT FOR CENTURIES ON POPPY CULTIVATION FOR THEIR
LIVELIHOOD TO CONTINUE GROWING POPPY ON A LEGAL BASIS.
"REPRESENTING THE PARTIES AT TODAY'S SIGNING CEREMONY WERE
DR. J. G. DE BEUS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC, MR.
ERCUMENT YAVUZALP, AMBASSADOR, AND MR. K. G. TOPERI,
COUNSELLOR, PERMANENT MISSION OF TURKEY." END TEXT.
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